



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *Summer 2023 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming:**

**Date TBA:** W9JP POTA gathering, probably at Ft. Harrison St. Park (watch email for more details).

**September 8:** Bernie McLenny, W3UR - Weekly and Daily DX Editor (via Zoom)

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### **Picnic & POTA:**



The Indianapolis Radio Club's First Picnic & POTA event was held on July 29 at the Cherry Tree Shelter, in Fort Harrison State Park. By all accounts, the event was a hit! The weather was not bad for late July in Indiana: no rain, temps in the mid 80's. I counted in excess of 40 people in attendance, with several XYLs and a few kiddos in the group. Thanks to Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, for reserving the shelter and coordinating the food for the picnic. Special thanks to Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, for graciously accepting

the duties of “chef” for the event! Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR, provided a POTA station, and along with Mike Hanson, WB7CUM, and Paul Filliman, KD9QFM, made 39 POTA contacts, using the club’s call of W9JP.

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Picnic & POTA event, to be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **INDY AIR SHOW LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Mark Sweet, N2MSJ, is looking for volunteer Amateur Radio Operators to assist with Logistics and Safety for The Indianapolis Air Show, hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, which will be held on October 28th & 29th at the Mount Comfort Airport. General information on the Air Show can be found at <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/crossroads-air-show/>

All volunteers will get free admission to the Air Show and free parking. There may be a volunteer t-shirt also provided.

If interested, please sign up using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAANAAYRcYxdUQUtXSk8yWFFCSEROQUQ3TlkxWk8xOEJaQy4u>

Please feel free to share this with other HAMs.

### **HIGH POWER COMMERCIAL PETITION TO FCC CONCERN**

The ad hoc group “Shortwave Modernization Coalition” petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF 2 – 25 MHz range with up to 20 KW, including in bands immediately adjacent to spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. This group appears to represent high-speed stock trading interests.

There have been numerous articles and videos circulating regarding response from the Amateur Radio community to this petition. The initial posting from the ARRL regarding this can be found [here](#). Subsequent comments from the ARRL can be found [here](#). A

video from the Madison DX Club, with an excellent explanation of what this is all about from ARRL Central Division Director, Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY0MsXpsiUs>

## **W9DXCC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration for the 2023 W9DXCC Convention, along with the DX and Contest Universities is now open at <https://w9dxcc.com/> The Convention and Banquet take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, and the DX and Contest Universities take place on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the same place.

## **ARRL DUES INCREASE NEXT YEAR**

As you may have already heard elsewhere, on July 23, ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, announced that ARRL annual dues will increase by \$10, to \$59. Another part of this announcement was the news that the ARRL magazines, *QST*, *On the Air*, *QEX*, and *NCJ* will be included only in online, digital access. Traditional, print subscriptions to these publications will be available as an “add-on” to membership dues. Roderick adds that, “All members will continue to have online, digital access to each of these four magazines and the digital archive as part of their regular membership benefits.” As is noted in this announcement, this is only the second time in 22 years that dues to the ARRL have increased. Also, new Life Memberships to the ARRL are not being offered until the League can figure out pricing for a Life Membership to be “revenue neutral over its term”.

The full announcement can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/member-bulletin?issue=2023-07-23> A table of the 2024 dues rates can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/2024-dues-rates>

It is unclear what this will mean for the “Club Commission Program”, where affiliated clubs, such as the Indianapolis Radio Club can make a commission of \$5 on renewals or \$15 on new memberships to the ARRL.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE IRC

You can support the Indianapolis Radio Club in any, or all, of these four ways:

1. Join the club. Your annual membership dues (\$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family, in the same household, or \$10 for a student, with valid ID) help support the club in its mission to promote our hobby, by sponsoring monthly VE testing sessions, reaching out to new licensees, welcoming them to the hobby. The easiest way to join is to go to <https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment> and complete the process through PayPal.
2. Pay your ARRL membership dues through the IRC, utilizing the Club Commission program. The club will get a \$5 commission for renewals, or a \$15 commission for new memberships. Fill out the form available at <https://tinyurl.com/ARRL-membership-form> and send it, along with payment, to club treasurer, KJ9B. Or fill out one of the forms at an in-person meeting.
3. Join the Kroger Community Rewards program (it's free!) by going to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> and designating the Indianapolis Radio Club as the charity you want to support. The club then gets a quarterly donation from Kroger based on a percentage of the amount spent by those supporting the club.
4. If applicable, donate part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the Indianapolis Radio Club, a 501(c)(3) charity.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at [treasurer@indyradioclub.org](mailto:treasurer@indyradioclub.org).

## IRC ON-LINE CALENDAR AVAILABLE

If you want to stay up to date with Indianapolis Radio Club meetings (with topics), as well as other area ham radio events, a new Google Calendar has been created, called "Indianapolis Radio Club Events" (catchy title, right?). This calendar is available at <https://tinyurl.com/IRC-calendar> as well as on the IRC website. If you have a Google Calendar of your own, you can subscribe to this calendar so you are automatically up to date with events.

## SHORTS

- Our own Jay Kraus, W9TC, made the Society of Midwest Contesters “Lifetime Achievement Award” list. To make this list, one has to have logged 10,000 QSOs that contribute to SMC contest efforts. **Congratulations, Jay!**
- The Indy United Field Day club racked up a final score of 21,066 points in this year’s Field Day. According to Indy United Field Day Chairman, Brian Smith, W9IND, “Not only is that our highest score ever, it’s the highest Field Day score ever recorded in Indiana and the second-highest of all time in Class 4A (under any scoring system).”
- For a great Field Day 2023 video put together by Rufus Hardeman, NE9T, point your browser to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLoJ1FjzDiQ>
- For a really interesting video describing the revolutionary “Radio in a Box (RIB)” system to make DXpeditions a little easier, point your browser to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XqBhp7M2Uk>
- If you want to see some 1940s radio gear and other electronics, point your browser [here](#).
- The Lebanon repeater, at 147.105 (+ offset, 77 Hz. tone) is back on the air, with mobile coverage of around 40 miles. Thanks to Harley Patterson, KC9GLD, for the info.

## UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP

Date: Aug 12 2023

Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

(317) 721-1458

Email: [testing@indyradioclub.org](mailto:testing@indyradioclub.org)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Rd

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Aug 15 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EMA EOC  
200 N Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Columbus IN 47201  
Sponsor: South Central Indiana Communications Support Group  
Date: Aug 15 2023  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley  
(812) 350-5175  
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com  
VEC: LAUREL VEC  
Location: East Columbus United Methodist Church Youth Center  
2439 Indiana Ave  
Columbus IN 47201

Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Sponsor: GCARC  
Date: Aug 22 2023  
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller  
(765) 661-5893  
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: EMA Building  
3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Pre-register only, contact ahead  
Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Sep 09 2023  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON  
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169  
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP  
Date: Sep 09 2023  
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Greenfield IN 46140-9654  
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC  
Date: Sep 16 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: David Keiser  
(317) 440-8486  
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Hancock EMA EOC  
640 South Franklin St  
Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club  
Date: Sep 19 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EMA EOC  
200 N Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238  
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Sponsor: GCARC  
Date: Sep 26 2023  
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)  
Contact: Mitchell D. Miller  
(765) 661-5893  
Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: EMA Building  
3921 S Garthwaite Rd  
Pre-register only, contact ahead  
Gas City IN 46933-1155  
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at [http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews\\_indyradioclub.org](http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org).

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)



## Signals from the Past:

### From the August 1943, Ama-Chewer:

As previously announced our president LeRoy Waggoner has resigned that office to enlist in the Merchant Marine as a radio operator....

As your new president I feel that I am going to have my hands full to even come close to filling this new position with the efficiency shown in the past. Fortunately for me the Radio Club has received a shot in the arm as the result of the recent acquisition of the WERS\* license. Plenty of new enthusiasm has been shown in our new opportunity to again “be on the air” even though it is not “rag chewing” as we used to know it.

Alvey Pittman. President IRC

*\* “WERS” was the War Emergency Radio Service, predecessor of RACES. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War\\_Emergency\\_Radio\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_Emergency_Radio_Service) for more.*

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Hendricks County Tailgate Fest: August 12. Details at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/hendricks-county-tailgate-fest-2>
- ARANCI Hamfest (Newton County): August 19. More information at <https://aranciradio.com/wp/hamfest-2023/>

## 2023 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [president@indyradioclub.org](mailto:president@indyradioclub.org)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - [vp@indyradioclub.org](mailto:vp@indyradioclub.org)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - [secretary@indyradioclub.org](mailto:secretary@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- Dir. at large: Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB - [board@indyradioclub.org](mailto:board@indyradioclub.org)
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org](mailto:w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org)

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**<https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment>**

**Or Scan this QR Code with your smartphone:**

